

REMARKS

Non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice to presecute them in a divisional case, to expedite prosecution.

Currently Claims 20-27, 30-32, 34-36, 38-39 and 41 have been canceled to reduce issues for consideration.

The amendments to Claims 1, 22, 33, 42, and 43 finds antecedent basis at page 9, line 4; page 12, lines 1 and 23 and page 13, lines 9-10 of the Present Specification.

The amended independent claims 1, 22, 33, 42, 43 recite that the solvent ampoule and the solvent capture ampoule are attached directly to the main body container wall of the source chemical container. This is distinct from US 5,964,230 which does not show any particular association of the solvent source ampoule, source chemical container or solvent capture ampoule other than a flow path association. Applicant asserts that amended independent claims 1, 22, 33, 42, 43 and their respective dependent claims are therefore patentable over US 5,964,230.

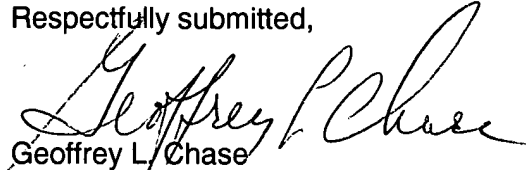
Applicants respectfully disagree with the examiner's position that a load or fill of a sorbent in the solvent capture ampoule is not a structural limitation in an apparatus claim. Applicants assert that the sorbent media, as presented, is a structural limitation that must be considered in the examination for patentability over the cited prior art of record and must be given "patentable weight" because its is in fact a structural limitation and not a "future intended use."

Claims 5-7 and 28-29 have been previously allowed by the Examiner.

All of the pending claims being allowable, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant has separately petitioned for a two month extension of time to make this response timely.

Respectfully submitted,

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